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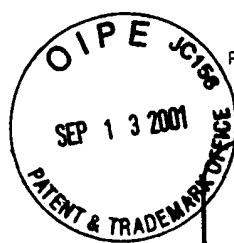
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103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 80	202 40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 270	204 135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 80	209 40	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
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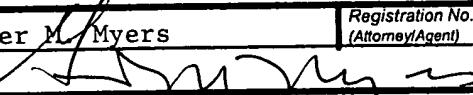
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147 2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
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115 110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
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128 1,890	228	945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120 310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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